











Leave No Trace

Outdoor Ethics

-  **PLAN AHEAD & PREPARE**
"Know before you go!" Learn everything you can about the area you plan to visit and the regulations for its use.
-  **TRAVEL & CAMP ON DURABLE SURFACES**
Use established campsites and trails, where available. Avoid sites just beginning to show impacts. Keep camps small and at least 200 feet from water, occupied campsites, and trails. 
-  **DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY**
"Pack it in, pack it out!" Bury human waste in a cathole 6-8 inches deep and at least 200 feet from water. Wash yourself and your dishes at least 200 feet from water.
-  **LEAVE WHAT YOU FIND**
Do not damage, deface, or remove natural objects or cultural artifacts. Leave them for others to enjoy. Don't build structures, dig trenches, or alter natural features.
-  **MINIMIZE USE & IMPACTS OF FIRE**
Use a lightweight stove, instead of a fire. If you build a fire, use only small dead wood found on the ground and use existing fire rings. 
-  **RESPECT WILDLIFE**
Watch wildlife from a distance and never approach, feed, or follow it. Seal food tightly and store it out of reach. Control pets at all times or consider leaving them at home.
-  **BE CONSIDERATE OF OTHER VISITORS**
Don't disturb others. Preserve the natural quiet. When you meet horses on the trail, step off the downhill side and speak softly as they pass. 

Please help us protect the wilderness...
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